

House Resolution 117 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 117

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1 A Resolution recognizing the health threat posed by
2 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

3 WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
4 (COPD) is a term used to refer to a group of diseases
5 that cause airflow obstruction and breathing
6 related problems, and includes emphysema, chronic
7 bronchitis, and in some cases, asthma and severe
8 bronchiectasis; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2008, COPD became the third leading
10 cause of death in the United States, and unlike
11 other major causes of death, its prevalence has not
12 significantly declined in recent years; and

13 WHEREAS, COPD is a chronic and progressive disease
14 that has been diagnosed in an estimated 117,540 Iowans
15 and 13 million persons nationwide, 66 percent of whom
16 are under age 65; and

17 WHEREAS, nationwide, the annual cost of COPD in
18 2010 was projected to be \$49.9 billion through health
19 care costs, loss of productivity, and deterioration of
20 personal health and well-being; and

21 WHEREAS, the American Association for Respiratory
22 Care reports that nationally just over half of all
23 persons with COPD report that their condition limits
24 their ability to work and 34 percent say that COPD
25 keeps them from working; and

26 WHEREAS, although there is no cure for COPD,
27 increased public awareness, early detection, and proper
28 health management can slow the progression of the

1 disease, reduce costs, and improve patients' quality of
2 life and self-sufficiency; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
4 That the House of Representatives recognizes chronic
5 obstructive pulmonary disease as a chronic health
6 condition in Iowa which contributes to increasing
7 health care costs and decreasing productivity of the
8 citizens of this state.